



Class of 2024  
Welcome to East High!

Reach your full potential  
Starting NOW!

Class of 2024, we are so excited  
that you are joining us as Tomcats.

We know this isn't how you  
pictured it, but you will succeed  
and overcome this obstacle.







**EAST AURORA**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 131

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HOME OF THE TOMCATS

## STRATEGIC PLAN

### MISSION

Our purpose is to educate and empower all students to reach their full potential.

### VISION

Our future graduates will be confident and productive global citizens committed to improving their community.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES



### EDUCATIONAL EQUITY

Meet the diverse needs of all students by ensuring a safe and inclusive learning environment.



### OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Utilize systems and resources that promote operational excellence, efficiency, and fiscal accountability.



### COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

Engage in continuous improvements through collaborative, student-focused, and data-driven leadership.



### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Ensure the academic success of all students by closing the opportunity gap.

Our Strategic Plan guides everything we do at East High.

See our five-year plan at  
[d131.org/vision](http://d131.org/vision)



*Reach your full potential!*



# Meet your building leaders!

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Mr. Simpson,  
Principal

Mrs. Kuyper,  
Assoc. Principal



Ms. Brinkman,  
Asst. Principal

Mr. Ward,  
Asst. Principal



Mrs. Reyes,  
Asst. Principal



# EA Administrators

## Division Chairs

**TBA:**

**PE/Health/Drivers Ed**

**Mr. Geocaris: English/Fine Arts**

**Mr. Marten: World Cultures**

**Mr. Cepeda: Math/Business**

**Mrs. Ramirez: ELL/Bilingual**

**Mrs. Martensen: Science/Tech/FACS**

## Deans (by LAST NAME)

**A- Co (Dean White)**

**Cr - Hernandez (Dean Smith)**

**Her - Nevarez (Dean De Los Santos)**

**Nicasio - R (Dean Schmiesing)**

**S - Z (Dean Huisinga)**

**Mr. Torres: Athletic Director**

# Counselors and Social Workers

***Everyone needs help sometimes.***

If you need support, you can reach out to your counselor or social worker to make sure you get your questions answered and resources you need.



## Other Student Supports

We have many supports available to students.

Since we are navigating e-learning, it will be important for you to communicate with your teachers and counselor, social worker, or dean when you need help.

It might seem unusual because you have never been here or met some of these people, but **WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU BE SUCCESSFUL!**



## Other Support Staff

### **Health Office**

(630) 299-8118

### **Parent Liaisons:**

Claudia García (630) 299-8040

Angelica García (630) 299-8174

### **Special Education:**

Tiffany Williams (630) 299-8108

Kim Kereliuk (630) 299-7972

Elizabeth Vergara





## Coursework

All students take the following courses:

- Pre-AP Algebra or Geometry
- Pre-AP Biology
- Pre AP World History or AP Human Geography
- Pre-AP English I
- Reading or Elective
- PE/Health/NJROTC/Band

## Last Names A-D

AM –A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
8:05-8:20	Breakfast		Breakfast		8:05-8:40	1
					8:45-9:20	2
8:25-9:00	1	1	5	5	9:25-10:00	3
9:05-9:40	2	2	6	6	10:05-10:40	4
9:45-10:20	3	3	7	7	10:45-11:20	5
10:25-11:00	4	4	0	0	11:25-12:00	6
11:00-11:05	Lunch Pick-Up		Lunch Pick-Up		12:05-12:40	7
					12:45-1:20	0

## Last Names E-L

PM –A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
12:05-12:20	Lunch		Lunch		8:05-8:40	1
					8:45-9:20	2
12:25-1:00	1	1	5	5	9:25-10:00	3
1:05-1:40	2	2	6	6	10:05-10:40	4
1:45-2:20	3	3	7	7	10:45-11:20	5
2:25-3:00	4	4	0	0	11:25-12:00	6
3:00-3:05	Dinner Pick-Up		Dinner Pick-Up		12:05-12:40	7
					12:45-1:20	0

## Last Names M-R

AM –B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
8:05-8:20		Breakfast		Breakfast	8:05-8:40	1
					8:45-9:20	2
8:25-9:00	1	1	5	5	9:25-10:00	3
9:05-9:40	2	2	6	6	10:05-10:40	4
9:45-10:20	3	3	7	7	10:45-11:20	5
10:25-11:00	4	4	0	0	11:25-12:00	6
11:00-11:05		Lunch Pick-Up		Lunch Pick-Up	12:05-12:40	7
					12:45-1:20	0

## Last Names S-Z

PM –B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
12:05-12:20		Lunch		Lunch	8:05-8:40	1
					8:45-9:20	2
12:25-1:00	1	1	5	5	9:25-10:00	3
1:05-1:40	2	2	6	6	10:05-10:40	4
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# Remote Learning Schedule

## Meals

During remote learning, there will be meals provided in a similar way to the summer. Look for more information from Mr. Jackson soon!

We also have a food pantry onsite. Please visit their website for specific information.

<http://mariewilkinsonfoodpantry.org/>

## Pre-AP Objectives:

- Provide all students with materials that are on grade level with the appropriate rigor
- Create vertical continuity by continuing the Pre-AP program students experience at the 9<sup>th</sup> grade level
- Use a common framework across disciplines creating collaboration opportunities
- Pre-AP aligns with District Strategic Plan Goals 1 and 4

## **Pre-AP World History and Geography**

The course covers basic geography skills and ancient civilizations from around the world through the Age of Exploration. Specific skills developed in this course include analysis of evidence, disciplinary reasoning, and developing arguments. Additionally, students will evaluate evidence, explain historical and geographic relationships, and incorporate evidence to support their positions.



## Pre-AP English I

The course develops students' abilities to work through complex readings. They learn how close attention to parts of a text can unlock greater understanding of the whole piece. In addition, students work to build analytical writing and language skills so they can express themselves with increasing sophistication.

## Pre-AP Biology

Pre-AP Biology sparks student motivation and critical thinking about our living world as they engage in real-world data analysis and problem solving. This course fosters student growth as they make meaningful connections among the structures, processes, and interactions that exist within and across living systems—from cells to ecological communities.

## Pre-AP Algebra I

The course will focus on linear function and linear equations, a focus on authentic applications, and a concentration on creating mathematical arguments. Students will: work with their peers to build math knowledge, persevere through challenges and make important conceptual connections.

## **Pre-AP Geometry with Stats**

The course has a central focus on measurement that provides students with a holistic and comprehensive view of Geometry as the study of shape and space. This course includes a unit that provides time for a sustained and focused examination of topics that are essential for quantitative literacy.

# Reading

Reading I is a year-long course designed for freshman students to enhance their literacy skills and improve their ability to learn from and synthesize complex, thought-provoking informational texts. Students will be placed in either Strategic Reading, College Prep Reading, or Honors Reading using NWEA MAP and PSAT data. Students whose scores exempt them from Reading may take a variety of electives.



# Physical Education & Health

BOTH are required classes in 9th grade. Students will take Freshman PE one semester and Health Education the other. Both classes are graduation requirements and will count as TWO of the EIGHT required classes from the Physical Education, Health and Driver Education Department.

**Students may take Band or NJROTC as a PE credit.**

# What is “On Track to Graduation?”

- You need 22 credits to graduate: 44 courses☐ each semester course is .5 credits.
- You need a specific amount of credits per subject area and electives.
- Each course has its own requirements.
- Placement in reading courses are based on scores from MAP reading tests.
- In order to be considered a sophomore, you must earn 5.5 credits during your freshman year.
- All students are mandated to take state mandated testing (SAT) in order to be eligible to graduate.

An early sign of success is passing all of your courses this year and becoming a Sophomore right away! It's easier to get ahead than try to catch up later.

# Remote Learning Resources

## **Fall 2020 Information**

Use this link to stay up-to-date on school information as well as COVID resources.

[District 131 - Fall 2020 Reopening Guidance](#)

## **Staff Directory**

[District 131 - Staff Directory](#)

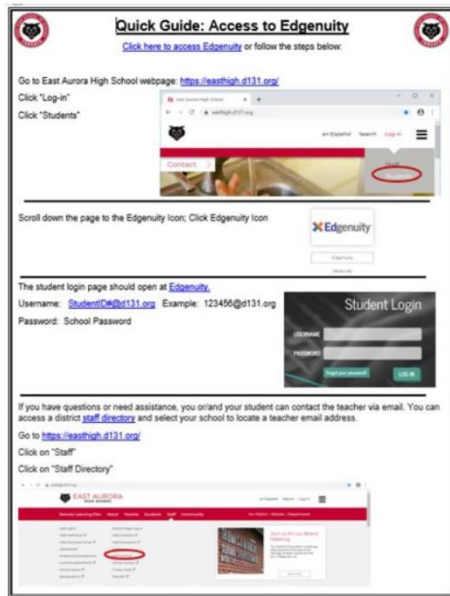
# Remote Learning Resources

**Edgenuity:**

[Edgenuity Student Login](#)

**Google/E-Mail Set-Up:**

[District 131 - Hybrid Remote Learning Guidance with Microsoft O365 Email and Google Classroom](#)



# Remote Learning Resources

## **Campus Portal:**

<https://campus.d131.org/campus/portal/eastAurora.jsp>

## **Campus Support:**

<https://www.infinitecampus.com/audience/parents-students>

## **Username/Password:**

Parents gain access to the Parent Portal from information added during registration. Students will receive their Student Portal information from their counselor.

If you want to reset your password or forget it you can visit the Campus Portal and click "Forgot your password/username".



# Athletics and Activities/Clubs

We offer a wide variety of different sports and activities/clubs at the high school. We strongly encourage all of our students to get involved in our school by finding a club, activity or sport to join that they have interest in.

**Athletics Website:** <https://il.8to18.com/eahs>

**Athletics on Twitter:** @EATomcats

**Clubs/Activities:** <https://easthigh.d131.org/clubs-and-activities/>

**\*\*Please keep in mind all offerings are subject to change and are pending further guidance from ISBE, IDPH, IHSA and the Governor's office, as well as what we are able to offer virtually for clubs/activities.**

# Athletics

Below are the "**new**" seasons for sports for this upcoming year at this time. Please remember that everything is subject to change as the IHSA, IDPH and Governor update information and guidance.

- **Golf, Girls Tennis and Boys and Girls Cross Country** began on Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> as normal with limitations and following all IDPH, IHSA and Governor guidelines and limitations. Registration for these sports is open currently.
- **Winter Season** (Boys and Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Competitive Dance and Cheer, Girls Bowling) can begin Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> and runs until Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Spring Season** (Football, Boys Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Badminton) can begin Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and runs until May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Summer Season** (Baseball, Softball, Boys and Girls Track, Girls Soccer, Boys Tennis) can begin May 3<sup>rd</sup> and runs until June 26<sup>th</sup>
- **Please remember, if you plan on participating in sports this year at all, you will still need a current, up-to-date physical prior to participation.**

# Activities/Clubs

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Name of Club/Activity	Sponsor(s) of club	Name of Club/Activity	Sponsor(s) of club	Name of Club/Activity	Sponsor(s) of club
Anime Club	Robert Sroka, Alison Sanders	Korean Culture Club	Mingoo Lee and Antonio Contreras	NJROTC Physical Fitness	Jose Otero Rivera
Art Club	Susan McCarron	L.E.A.P. Mentoring Program	Kimberly Boyd	PeaceJam	Guillermo Pedroni
Bilingual Honor Society	Lori Palmer, Jorge Rios	Latin Jazz Ensemble	Joe Kulick	RAP Club/Rhythm Art Poetry	Michael Aye, Amanda Bussman
BTG EA Operation Snowball	Tom Vasa	Literary Magazine	Michael Aye, Amanda Bussman	Restaurant Management	Kristin Doucette
Chess Team	Andrew Herrman	Math Team	Steve Harren	Retro Gaming Club	Joe Milinovich
Culinary Club	Peggy Thayer	Movie Club	Alan Scott	Scholastic Bowl	Jennie Andersen-Drake
DECA	Mark Lyons	Mu Alpha Theta(Math NHS)	Vince DiFabio	Science Club	Zhanna Charniauskaya and Chad Kelly
Drama Club/Thespian Society	Ross Wheeler	National Honor Society	Melanie Kleimola	Science NHS	Marcus Nenia
Dubois African American Honor Society	Lisa Doro	Newspaper Club	Katelyn Ziolkowski, Margaret Wehrle	Senior Class Council	Ken Gerck and Lisa Kendall
Eco Club	Karie Nash	NJROTC Academic Team	Herman Thompson	Skills USA	Joe Wintermute
Educators Rising	Fran Manzella and Chris Hayes	NJROTC Color Guard	Kevin Meadows	Sophomore Class Council	Guillermo Pedroni
FCCLA	Kristin Doucette	NJROTC Dance, Drum, and Bugle Corps Team	Gerald Goode	Spanish Honor Society	Guillermo Pedroni
French Honor Society	Sarah Birdsall	NJROTC Drill Team	Albert Farmer	Speech Team	Michael Aye
Freshman Class Council	Sarah Gillespie, Arlena Juarez	NJROTC Rifle	William Moore	Student Council	Ken Gerck and Lisa Kendall
Gay-Straight Alliance	Heather Curry	NJROTC Orienteering	William Moore	Student-Athlete Society	Shane Gillespie
German Honor Society	Joanna Wardynski			Tabletop Gaming	Kristin Kelly
HERO	Kristin Doucette			Technical Theatre	Jazmin Pratscher & Ross Wheeler
Jazz Ensemble	Brian Liska			Tri-M	Nancy Tabb
Junior Class Council	Melanie Kleimola			Yearbook	Debra McGoldrick
Key Club	Sarah Gillespie				

**We hope to see you in these hallways SOON!**

